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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified Continuing Patent Application, entry of the following amendment is requested.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 11 and 14.

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method [for creating electronic artwork with a hot area,]
comprising:

[receiving an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, each layer having transparency information;]

receiving from a user an input selecting [one of the plurality of] a layer[s] in an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, the selected layer having content consisting of one or more non-transparent regions in a transparent frame; [and]